

INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL, RIYADH
FIRST TERM EXAMINATION 2015-2016

Class-XI

Sub: English

Max.marks -80

Time- 3hrs

General Instructions:

1. This question paper is divided into three sections:
 - a. Section A -Reading comprehension [20 marks]
 - b. Section B-Writing Skills and Grammar [30 marks]
 - c. Section C-Literature and Long Reading texts [30 marks]
2. Separate instructions have been provided with each question.
3. Do not split sections and do not exceed the word limit.

SECTION A- READING COMPREHENSION [20 MARKS]

1. READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW: [12]

The Titanic, in its watery grave, is a great museum of human history and is at risk of being lost forever because of curious voyagers and treasure hunters, fears Bob Ballard, who first discovered the remains of the iconic ship in 1985. Famous for discovering the great ship, Ballard is a former US Navy officer and a professor of oceanography.

"Titanic is a museum of human history without door and guard. I am deeply concerned about not only the Titanic but all the ancient history that is now at risk. If we cannot save this iconic ship, then there is very little hope we can save ancient ships. The world should realize that you don't have to go down and take everything and take everything and you do not have to do a treasure hunt. This is a common heritage of all of us and if we really want to take steps to preserve human history in the ocean, we need to start with Titanic," Ballard said in a telephonic interview from London.

Ballard, as a part of a tie-up, is presenting a documentary called "Save the Titanic" on the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the great ship-April 15, 1912. The ship and her fate continue to fascinate, largely because of the horror that took place that night, with 1,522 passengers and crew losing their lives.

Ballard says that despite being on the ocean floor for 100 years, this ship is full of human footprints. "You will find pairs of shoes everywhere. The sea and the life below has claimed everything but they do not know what to do with shoes so you will find a pair of mother's shoes next to her little daughter and that is their gravestone. At her wreckage, we almost felt that we were surrounded by lifeboats of all the people that were in the water at that spot."

Ballard says that the fate of the Titanic continues to fascinate so many years after it sank because it is "irony personified in history." The story has all the ingredients to make it timelessly captivating. You have this revolutionary ship that's unsinkable, and carrying a cross section of people in society. And then, it goes and hits an iceberg and sinks on its maiden journey. That is irony personified.

Talking about his discovery, which came after great research and 75 years later, Ballard says it was a sombre moment when they first spotted the boiler of the Titanic. "In the 90s, advanced technology gave us double diving capabilities in the Atlantic Ocean. I knew that the Titanic was sitting at almost 12,000 ft.

What led me to her discovery was a simple technique that I followed. We decided to look for debris trail instead of the ship."

Ballard says the ship ,if preserved well and not subjected to constant submarine journeys, will last for a long time on the Atlantic floor. 'The deep sea, because of its darkness, its cold temperatures and its great pressures, creates a high state of preservation. With a little caution, we can protect the Titanic for future generations to visit."

Ballard also connected to the people of Belfast, who refused to talk about the tragedy. 'The ship's construction took place at Belfast. After the tragedy, families of the workers refused to talk about it because of the shame and sadness in the loss of life involved."

1) Answer the questions by choosing the best of the given choices.

[6]

a. The Titanic sank on...

- i. its 100th anniversary
- ii. 15 April 1912
- iii. an iconic voyage in 1985
- iv. leaving the port of Belfast

b. The Titanic continues to attract attention because....

- i. it is irony personified in history
- ii. its advanced technology gave double diving technologies
- iii. it is a treasure hunt
- iv. all the above.

c. Ballard's documentary on the Titanic is titled.....

- i. A museum of human history
- ii. The Titanic
- iii. Save the Titanic
- iv. 75 yrs later

d. The people of Belfast refused to talk about Titanic...

- i. because of shame
- ii. sadness and loss of life
- iii. out of respect for privacy
- iv. i & ii

e. The word *sombre* from the passage means

- i. very solemn
- ii. joyous
- iii. important
- iv. none of the above

f. The deep sea preserves the ship due to

- i. High pressures
- ii. Cold temperature
- iii. Darkness
- iv. All of the above
- v.